



City of Hampton, VA Meeting Minutes City Council

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Wednesday, March 28, 2012 5:30 PM Council Chambers, 8th Floor, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MOLLY JOSEPH WARD PRESIDED

PRESENT: Will Moffett, Joseph H. Spencer, II, Christopher G. Stuart, Donnie R. Tuck, George E. Wallace

ABSENT: Ross A. Kearney, II

INVOCATION: Vice Mayor Wallace

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor ward welcomed everyone to the Spotlight on Citizens program. She reminded everyone that Councilman Kearney was at home recovering from surgery and wished him well. She noted Vice Mayor Wallace would not be present during the Public Comment portion of the meeting in order to attend the School Board meeting to present a proclamation in recognition of the Hampton High School basketball team. She introduced Technology Coordinator Mr. Brian Marchese to emcee the Spotlight on Citizens program.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS - "Spotlight on Citizens"

1. 12-0115 Proclamation in Recognition of Kendyl Crawley Crawford

Mr. Marchese greeted the Mayor, Vice Mayor, members of Council and City Manager and introduced the first topic for the Spotlight on Citizens program. Hampton University student Kendyl Crawley Crawford has been named the 2012 Marshall Scholar and is the first Hampton University student to receive this honor. Mr. Marchese explained the Marshall Scholarship finances Americans to study for a degree in the United Kingdom in an effort to strengthen the relationship between British and American citizens, their governments and institutions.

Mr. Marchese stated that one of the original topics for this evening's program was the recognition of the Hampton High School basketball team; however, due to conflicting schedules, Vice Mayor Wallace agreed to present the proclamation at the School Board meeting.

Councilman Spencer stated this is a monumental achievement that Kendyl Crawley Crawford has earned, which is a terrific recognition and appreciation for her time and talents. He noted not many people earn this award because it is a very selective group that is considered and interviewed. He said Council is honored to give her this recognition and is proud of what she has accomplished. Councilman Spencer expressed the importance of everyone having a sense of how important this achievement is; and, therefore, read background information and gave highlights on the mission statement regarding the Marshall Scholarship.

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (Marshall Commission):

As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars will strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

Marshall Scholars are talented, independent and wide-ranging, and their time as Scholars will enhance their intellectual and personal growth. Their direct engagement with Britain through its best academic programs will contribute to their ultimate personal success.

The objectives of the Marshall scholarships are:

- To enable intellectually distinguished young Americans, their country's future leaders, to study in the UK.
- To help scholars gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary Britain.
- To contribute to the advancement of knowledge in science, technology, the humanities and social sciences and the creative arts at Britain's centers of academic excellence.
- To motivate scholars to act as ambassadors from America to the UK and vice versa throughout their lives thus strengthening British American understanding.
- To promote the personal and academic fulfillment of each scholar.

Marshall Scholars support the aims of General Marshall when in 1947, he proposed the idea of American economic assistance for post-war Europe. He (General Marshall) said "An essential part of any successful action on the part of the United States is an understanding on the part of the American people of the character of the problem and the remedies to be applied. Political passion and prejudice should have no part. With foresight and the willingness on the part of our people to face up to the vast responsibilities which history has clearly placed upon our country, the difficulties can and will be overcome". Successive British Prime ministers have endorsed these ideals.

Marshall Scholarships are special and distinguished in that:

- Scholars can come from any US university and are free to choose their course of study at any UK institution, thus offering them maximum freedom and independence.

- They are the only scholarships funded substantially by Her Majesty's Government. This provides unique and wide access and links with the British government and its peoples.
- Their long-term nature (2-3 years) allows for total immersion in one field of study or for Scholars to pursue two degrees at the same or different institutions or for doctoral research.
- The rigorous selection process, run locally in each of eight American regions, is managed by distinguished panels from a broad spectrum of government, academia and business, many of them ex-Marshall Scholars.
- The lifelong network of Marshall alumni facilitates continued engagement in the fostering of the trans-Atlantic relationship with attendant benefits to Scholars on their return to the US.
- The Marshall Commission provides help and support for Scholars to ensure that their time in the UK is well spent.

Founded by a 1953 Act of Parliament, Marshall Scholarships are mainly funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan. They express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts.

Councilman Spencer read and presented the proclamation in recognition of Kendyl Crawley Crawford. Several members of the Crawford family were also in attendance.

A copy of the proclamation is attached to the minutes.

Ms. Crawley Crawford thanked Council for the recognition and invited everyone to attend the Retro-Green Youth Environmental Conference she is coordinating which will be held Saturday, April 21st at the Virginia Air and Space Center. She noted anyone may register on-line at the Hampton Clean City Commission website.

Ms. Crawley Crawford's grandfather, Mr. Sherman Crawley, thanked City Council for recognizing his granddaughter. He recognized other family members and friends that were in attendance in support of Ms. Crawley Crawford.

READ AND PRESENTED by Councilman Spencer.

2. 12-0116 Recognition of the Hampton University Women's Basketball Team

Mr. Marchese introduced the next topic for recognition on the Spotlight on Citizens program. The Hampton University Women's Basketball Team was recognized for winning their third straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title with an exciting 54-53 win against Howard University on March 10th. This is the Lady Pirates' sixth MEAC title.

Councilman Moffett expressed gratitude for how well Hampton University was represented at the meeting and stated Council is very proud of them. He acknowledged Coach David Six and his staff. He said Coach Six has been at Hampton University for approximately three years and has earned a remarkable three consecutive MEAC titles. He noted prior to coming to the University, Coach Six ran a successful local program.

Councilman Moffett stated this team is tremendous and thanked them for the credit they reflect upon the University as well as the City and region. He then read statistics regarding the Lady Pirates Basketball team's record.

Coach David Six thanked Council for recognizing the accomplishments of the Lady Pirates Basketball team. He named additional staff and the team members. A copy of the list of the players and staff is attached to the minutes.

Coach Six recognized the four seniors on the team who have played in all four championship games during their careers at Hampton University.

The Lady Pirates Basketball team members, Coaches and staff came forward and were photographed with the members of Council.

Mr. Marchese gave closing remarks congratulating all of those who were recognized.

Mayor Ward noted the meeting would reconvene at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Comment Period.

PRESENTED by Councilman Moffett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ward welcomed everyone to the Public Comment portion of the meeting. She reminded everyone to keep Councilman Kearney, who was at home recovering from surgery, in their thoughts. She noted that Vice Mayor Wallace was not present during the Public Comment portion of the meeting in order to attend the School Board meeting to present the proclamation in recognition of the Hampton High School basketball team for their State Championship title. She also recognized Scout Troop 99 from Saint Marks who attended the meeting to earn credit toward their citizenship badges.

Ms. Jamie Osso, 16 Knodishall Way, greeted Mayor Ward and the members of Council and made the following statement: I am speaking this evening in support of the elementary school cafeteria monitors who were given pink slips. I am asking that you pass a budget of need so they can be hired back. On the Hampton City Schools website, there is a section for people to make suggestions concerning the budget and potential ways to save money. I have read through the suggestions several times, and not once did I see anything that said to cut cafeteria monitors. I did, however, see several suggestions to make cuts starting at the top and to consolidate administrative positions. How did any of that translate into cutting the cafeteria monitors? A couple of years ago, when teachers were told they were not getting raises, that was very demoralizing. It was further demoralizing when we found out that principals throughout the division were sent to Texas and the assistant principals were sent to New Orleans for a conference. When people questioned this, we were told, "That was a different fund..that was a different pot of money." That response is unacceptable. What that translates to for many of us is that we will find the money for what we want. Monies can be shifted, transferred, etc. if there is a need. There is a need for our cafeteria monitors. HEA negotiated many years ago with the school division for duty free lunch for teachers. Who will monitor the students if the cafeteria monitors don't? If the goal is to totally demoralize your teaching staff, then taking away their little 25-30 minute block for lunch would surely accomplish that task. My students asked me "why would anyone think that

cutting our cafeteria monitors is going to save money?" I answered as honestly as I could, saying "that's a good question."

Ms. Osso continued her statement. Students wrote comments in support of keeping our cafeteria monitors. I'll share some of them. I did not edit their comments.

"Our cafeteria monitors are helpful, funny and nice. Why would you want to fire them? They keep the students under control so we don't have food fights."

"They make sure students are on their best behavior and I really think they need to hire them back because if it wasn't for them, the students would be acting foolish."

"Our cafeteria monitors are special to me. They work really hard. They should stay."

"They help us. They mean a lot to me. The cafeteria monitors help keep us acting nice and right with manners."

"The lunch monitors are important to us because they are always there for us to help in any way. They listen to my problems and help me."

"I want our monitors hired back because it is difficult to get another job."

Ms. Osso noted her personal favorite statement was "Our lunch monitors help keep the cafeteria quiet so we don't get damage to our ears."

Ms. Osso concluded her statement. I have been a Hampton City School teacher for over 27 years. I'm also a board member on a commission for the City, and I work in many other areas for the City as a volunteer. I respectfully request that you consider passing a budget for Hampton City Schools that includes money for elementary cafeteria monitors. Thank you for your time.

Ms. Angelaine Mason, 70 W. Mercury Blvd. Suite 201, greeted Mayor Ward, the members of Council and City Staff and made the following statement: I am the newest Board Member to Alternatives Incorporated; however, I am the only one who has personally reaped the benefits, as a young person here in the City of Hampton, of the investments that the City Council has financially put into Alternatives over the years. I would like to share, briefly, that Alternatives serves 4,000 students on the Virginia Peninsula and approximately 3,000 children in Hampton ages 3-21. We serve a diversity of students through our partnerships with the schools, the community and other non-profit organizations. The majority of services are provided to low income children and youth who are at risk for academic failure and other negative outcomes. I personally am a military child. I've been through Hampton City Schools at all three levels - elementary, middle and high. I graduated from Phoebus in 2001. During my 9th grade year at Phoebus where I first had my introduction with Alternatives, Ms. Allison Graw, one of the staff members, helped facilitate a school club known as "PHAT" (Phoebus High Action Team) which allowed the student body to properly and respectfully communicate the student needs to our Principal, Ms. Phyllis Henry, at the time. That led into so many other opportunities through Alternatives. It was Alternatives that cultivated my leadership skills, helped me develop my voice as a young person, where traditionally, young people had not had a voice. Alternatives helped to break down the stereotypes that have negatively impacted the communication between young

people and adults. More importantly, Alternatives championed for me my commitment to my community and my civic engagement. I went on to participate in the Student Advisory Board, again facilitated by Alternatives. Eventually, I was the Youth Commissioner and a Youth Planner. I worked for Mr. Terry O'Neill in the Community Development Department until I went off to Spellman College in Atlanta, finished undergrad and decided to go to law school at William and Mary. Upon my graduation from law school, like so many other young people, I could have gone to Washington D.C. or Richmond. I could have sought very lucrative opportunities, but I chose to come back to Hampton, the very City that I felt had invested in me so that I could give back to other young people. It was Alternatives that fostered my passion for my commitment to juvenile justice. I came back to Hampton and served as a Magistrate in the 8th Circuit and I am currently in private practice thanks to the mentorship of Judge Verbena Askew. I am here today as a Board member to thank you for the funding over the years and to encourage you to continue to fund Alternatives because as humbly as I may say, you are looking at the product of your investment. I hope to reach out and give back to other young people. I cannot stress to you the importance of the opportunity that you have to continue to be proactive in your funding on the front end as opposed to the back end when we fund when our young people are incarcerated. Thank you.

Mr. Rick Bagley, 5 Oldenburg Lane, greeted the Mayor, members of Council, City Manager and City Attorney and made the following statement. I've been with Alternatives, on the Board, for over 25 years and did not realize Ms. Mason was going to speak about Alternatives as an investment, but I look at every dollar the City spends as an investment in something. The money that has been spent on the youth agenda has a return. There is an annual return coming from the leverage that you get from the funds. Every dollar that you spend on Alternatives, we are able to leverage that for another \$4 that we spend on the young people in the City. Without the City's investment, we wouldn't qualify to apply for those funding sources. Your continued commitment is huge. Anything you do to increase it will increase your return in the long run. Years ago, every kid that went through the Criminal Justice system cost a million dollars when you consider the cost of the buildings and the judges, etc. More recent studies say that every kid that is incarcerated costs \$100,000. When you spend \$200-\$300 a year for a kid compared to \$100,000 to incarcerate them, the returns are enormous. I am convinced that the reason the City of Hampton has a lower violent crime rate – 1/3 of the homicide rates of some of our neighbors – is because of the investment that we have made over the last 30 years in youth development and prevention which is a fraction of the budget that we spend on cleaning up the problems after they occur. Budgets are tight. They are always tight. They are particularly tight now after the recession, but this kind of investment and the return is If we take our eye off the ball, we will wake 15-20 years from now with a problem that we didn't intentionally create, but we ignored and went to sleep on. We hope you all don't do that and we are going to be here to try to make sure that you don't. The City Manager told me recently that we spend half on the Police Department what Newport News spends on theirs. That is not by accident. That is because somebody had the vision to invest in young people so that we end up with harmony instead of a problem. Thank you for your continued support. I do the best I can to make sure your investments are taken care of and leveraged so that our community can benefit from that going forward. Thank you very much.

Ms. Shena Bynum, 371 Canaan Circle, Suffolk, Va. 23435 greeted the Mayor, members of Council and staff members and made the following statement. I am a 10th grader at Phoebus High School and I am a member of Youth ACT – "Youth Achieving Change

Together", one of the programs run by Alternatives Inc. I am here tonight to tell you about how Youth ACT and Alternatives has made a difference in my life and the lives of my peers. Through the Youth ACT program, I have come to realize that even though I am a youth, I can make a difference in my community. By getting up in front of my peers, making presentations and teaching classes, I have received the utmost respect from my peers and have influenced them to join outstanding programs like Youth ACT.

Ms. Bynum continued her statement. Let me tell you about myself. Last year, I was a very troubled teen. I was fighting outside of school and getting in trouble all the time. My grades were not where they were supposed to be, and I finished the school year with a 2.0 GPA just so that I could participate in my sports activities. Now, I have not gotten into any trouble this year. I am now enrolled in all honor classes. My GPA is now a 3.5 and I am on the A-B honor roll. Alternatives will make a great way for teens that want to do something with their lives as well as their community as for myself. With Alternatives, they will get all the guidance and support, not only to become strong leaders, but also to become good people. Thank you for hearing me tonight. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

Mayor Ward thanked Ms. Bynum for speaking to Council and congratulated her on all of her success.

Mr. Edwin Boone, 48 Snow Street, made the following statement: There is a lot of talent in Hampton. I have come before you all and the public a lot of times for the last three years. I have a college degree, and a business license. I am a registered citizen to vote. I am a homeowner and a taxpayer. I still haven't gotten across to you all. I have to figure out a way to get folks motivated to get them out to vote to get the right Council and Mayor. We need our four votes; otherwise, the same people and the same results will occur. Folks are leaving Hampton. They are spending \$30 million on a courthouse when they could have fixed up the flooding areas. They are cutting back on the school funds. They gave away close to \$100 million for the two new schools being built and the money was sent to South Carolina. I have to come up with a different angle to get folks involved to get out voting to change the system.

Mr. Boone continued his statement by reading a portion of a poem he wrote when he was 21 years old called "Insight". "I stand in a glaring light. It stares at the truth. There are no shadows or obstacles that blind me. I am called insight." There are three paragraphs to that (poem). When I was 21, I wrote it out of inspiration. Now that I am 57, if I don't speak now, when will I speak?

Mr. Boone continued his statement. We only have two more Council meetings before May 1st and the second one is like tonight – just accolades and giving awards. Hampton High School just received the State Championship title. Vice Mayor George Wallace has gone there to pat them on the back. He sits on the Purchasing and Procurement Oversight Committee (PPOC) and it was 3% or less (minority and woman-owned businesses) when I first went to the PPOC. It is every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. on the top floor of the Ruppert Sargent Building, and it is still 3% or less. We need someone that is going to represent the citizens. We have a Mayor that received benefit from the sale of Harbor Square. She recused herself, but she knew she had the votes from the two new Councilmembers that voted everything 90-100% on whatever issues come up. I'm pleading to the citizens: We have to change the system. One of the major things for the young folks and for us is Fort Monroe. We have to get our votes.

We have to get the right people to direct Fort Monroe in the right direction because when they say it is a National Monument, only bits and pieces of it are. When they say it is a National Park, I want you all to go check out the Fort Monroe meetings and find exactly what is being said and how you are being manipulated on what you think is happening that is really not. Thank you.

Mayor Ward asked if there were any additional citizens that wished to address Council. There were no additional speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Molly Joseph Ward
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____

City of Hampton
Virginia

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF

KENDYL CRAWLEY CRAWFORD

IN THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Hampton High School graduate and Hampton University Senior, Kendyl Crawley Crawford, has been named a 2012 Marshall Scholar; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship was established in 1953 by Parliament as a thank you for U.S. economic assistance through the Marshall Plan after World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawley Crawford is the first Hampton University student to receive this scholarship; and

WHEREAS, she is a Marine and Environmental Science major, has a 3.9 Grade Point Average and is involved in many research activities related to marine fisheries and environmental conservation; and

WHEREAS, she has traveled to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver Canada to research and document fisheries catches on the Polynesian Island of Tuvalu; and

WHEREAS, her research has informed and updated various bodies of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawley Crawford has published a children's book about ecology; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Kendyl researched hydropower and its environmental impact on fish and their habitat for NOAA in Gloucester Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards and recognitions including the 2009 Outstanding Student Presentation Award, 2011 Hampton Clean City Award, 2012 Women of Color STEM Magazine Outstanding Student Leadership Award, 2012 Root's Young Futurists list and was chosen to represent the Marshall Scholars to welcome Prime Minister and Mrs. David Cameron of Great Britain to the White House for a United States visit; and

WHEREAS, Kendyl enjoys ballet, tap dancing, Broadway plays, bike riding and speaking to children about environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, Kendyl Crawley Crawford is one of 36 students selected this year for the Marshall scholarship, which pays for American students to study at any institution in the United Kingdom for one year; and

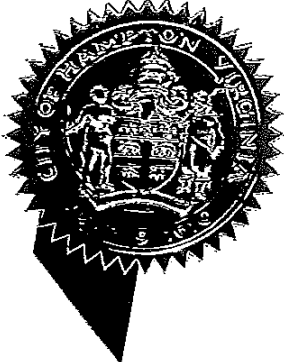
WHEREAS, she will spend next year enrolled in the University College of London's Environment, Science and Society Master's Program; and

WHEREAS, after studying in London, she plans to pursue a Doctorate in Environmental Sciences and Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Molly Joseph Ward, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, do hereby congratulate

KENDYL CRAWLEY CRAWFORD

on her many accomplishments and wish her well in all of her future endeavors.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hampton, Virginia, to be affixed this Twenty-Eighth Day of March, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Molly Joseph Ward

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Mayor

Hampton University
Lady Pirates Basketball

David Six – Head Coach

Barbara Burgess – Assistant Coach

Brian Davis – Assistant Coach

Ashlee Finley – Assistant Coach

Allen Pierce- Director of Basketball Operations

Sherena Abercumbia

Olivia Allen

Keiara Avant

Alyssa Bennett

Kenyada Brown

Delia Brunson

Kenia Cole

Ashley Cox

Benee Glanton

Nicole Hamilton

Jericka Jenkins

Choicetta McMillian

Ariel Phelps

Kiona Robinson

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